(c) whether Sainik Farms have been included in the list of regularised colonies; and;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) The High Court of Delhi in CWP No. 4771/93—Common Cause (Regd.) Society Vs. Union of India and Others—has Restrained the Government from regularising any unathorising any unauthorised colony in Delhi till further orders. Subsequently, on the directions of the Court, the High Powered Committee headed by Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development was constituted to go into the entire gamut of issues on unauthorised colonies. On the basis of the report of this Committee, the High Court asked the Government to submit its view to the Court in respect of regularisation of the colonies and the terms and conditions on which such regularisation could be done. After consulting all the local authorities including the Government of NCT of Delhi, the Government of India to the High Court through an affidavit on 7.8.2000. The Government will take further action in accordance with the directions/orders of the High Court.

Gazette Notification Regarding Regularization of Illegal Colonies

3095. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gazette notification with regard to the policy decision of the Union Cabinet to regularise 1071 illegal colonies in Delhi has been issued;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor along with the proposed date of issuance of Gazette notification; and

(c) whether the action of the Union Cabinet is subject to the decision of CWP No. 4771 of 1993 (Delhi High Court) or any other proceedings based on the said petition?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Delhi High Court has stayed decision by the Government for regularising any unauthorised colony in Delhi till further orders. Therefore, the views formulated by Government of India have been submitted to the High Court though an affidavit dated 7.8.2000. Further action will be taken in accordance with the directions/orders of the High Court. Matter is subjudice.

Problems of Residents' Welfare Associations in Delhi

3096. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Residents' Welfare Associations in Delhi had a discussion with him on their problems;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to resolve their problems and to make their colonies liveable; and

(d) the steps taken to prevent the unauthorised colonies and jhuggis from coming up?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) Some of the Residents Welfare Associations who had represented against encroachment of public lands by slum dwellers in their vicinity had met the Minister of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation on 29.7.2000 and have given photographs as well as representations regarding insanitary, unhygienic conditiosn in their colonies due to presence of slums. The problems highlighted by most of the participants were of law and order, eve-teasing, clogging of drains creation of pollution and dirt, blockade of roads and passages, cutting up of trees and bushes and general hygiene. They also submitted that due to the presence of such clusters in their colony/area their right of way and freedom to live freely had been curtailed. The Government has taken note of these representations and relocating of slums is already in hand and a special drive for the purpose has been launched by the Government.

Civic amenities like water supply, street lighting, road, storm water drains, etc. are provided in JJ clusters.

(d) The Govenment have been impressing upon land owning agencies to protect their lands and to not allow encroachments.

Panel Discussion on Demolition and Development in Delhi

3097. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a panel discussion on demolition and development (Delhi), it was expressed that from the architect's perspective Delhi should have planned ring railway as the spine of the city with radical roads emanating from it and stringent measures are needed to check further unauthorised contructions;

(b) whether the problem of law violators is also to be tackled alongwith unauthorised constructions; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to bring the lawbreakers to the book alongwith concerned officials and to ensure that unauthorised constructions do not take place in its very initial stage?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) Panel discussion being referred to is not clear. However, strengthening of ring railway corridor was envisaged as a part of Mass Rapid Transport System for Delhi which was not part of Phase-I. In so far as unauthorised constructions are concerned, Government has issued